

SUMMARY OF CASE

1. There were two charges :

The first charge against each of the 45 accused alleged that when members of the staff of BIRKENAU - BREZNA Concentration Camp, the accused were together concerned as parties to the ill-treatment causing the death and physical suffering of Allied national internees.

The second charge against eleven of the accused made the same basic allegation in relation to AUSCHWITZ Concentration Camp.

2. Particulars of the findings and sentences are summarised at Appendix II of the Minute of Preconfirmation Advice. Briefly :

Eleven of the accused were sentenced to death on conviction and subsequently executed.

Fourteen of the accused were acquitted.

No finding was made in respect of accused No.17 owing to his absence, through illness, from part of the trial.

The nineteen remaining accused were sentenced on conviction to various terms of imprisonment. ZIMMEL (No.19) was sentenced to death on conviction for another crime and executed. All the other accused sentenced to imprisonment have been released having purged their sentences, except KULESSA (No.19), and OSTROWSKI (No.31).

KULESSA and OSTROWSKI, who were accused of the first charge only, were each sentenced on conviction to 15 years imprisonment. Their earliest release dates are :

KULESSA 7. 5. 55

OSTROWSKI . . . 24. 6. 55

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